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## Guard Theme Is 'Peace-War'

### Near 300,000 UN Human Rights FDC's

The United Nations Postal Administration announced the first day of issue of the Human Rights Day commemorative stamps, December 10, 1952, 299,309 covers were given first day cancellation service.

This figure covers both the 3c and 5c denominations of this issue, and due to the combinations of stamps used on covers, it is not possible to give any further breakdown.

A total of 160,117 covers of the first commemorative stamp issued on UN Day, October 24, 1952, were given first day of issue cancellation.

The Human Rights Day stamp was issued to commemorate the adoption by the General Assembly on December 10, 1948 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It shows a flame surrounded by the words "Human Rights" in the five official UN languages, superimposed on the two hemispheres of the world.

### Vatican Commems, Definitives In 1953

Leonardo da Vinci was the subject of another commemorative set by Italy, this one making its appearance on the last day of the old year, December 31. Denominations are 60 and 80 lire.

Also on that date was a single commemmorating the Belfiore Martyrs of the Italian Independence struggle. Its face value was 25 lire.

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City all three of the above were overprinted AMG-FTT for use in the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste.

Also according to Lo Bianco, Vatican City has planned the release of a two value set, probably after mid-year honoring St. Maria Goretti. The saint died in the defense of her purity and has been but recently canonized by the Church. Face values will be 15 and 35 lire.

Collectors of Vatican stamps can look forward to a new definitive issue in 1953. Tentatively, designs are expected to picture the Basilica of St. Peter and various popes.

### Devote Edition To Coffee On Stamps

The December issue of "Biological Tid-Bits," official journal of the Biology Unit of the American Topical Association, is largely devoted to Coffee on Stamps. With a detailed article and check-list on this popular subject by Roger Henebry, winner of the junior trophy at the Tri-State Area Convention, and illustrated with eight pages from Mr. Henebry's collection, this issue provides a mine of information for the topical collector. Copies are available at 25c each.

The September issue, featuring check-lists on cotton, tobacco and coffee, and the October-November issue with check lists on cattle on stamps, are still obtainable at 25c each. Orders and inquiries on membership in the unit should be sent to J. H. Groet, 713 Student Baker, Mishawaka, Ind.

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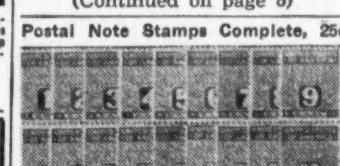
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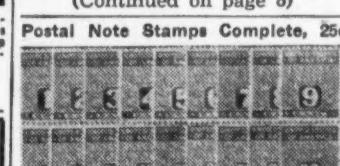
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### Oldest Military Organization; First Day At Washington, D.C. February 23, In Blue Color

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced the description of the 3c commemorative stamp, which is being issued in recognition of the vital contributions the National Guard of the United States has made to this country in both peace and war. The National Guard stamp will be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., February 23.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally with a double outline frame, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be blue. An initial printing order of 110,000,000 National Guard stamps has been authorized.

The central design of the stamp depicts a typical National Guardsman ready for action. In the background scene to the left, the wartime activities of the Army and Air National Guard are portrayed by an amphibious landing with air cover.

The Guard's traditional peacetime role of protecting life and property in time of local disaster is shown in the background scene to the right. Across the top of the stamp appears the wording, "The National Guard of the U. S." "In War" "In Peace", in dark Architectural Roman.

In an ornamental ribbon across the bottom of the stamp is the wording "The Oldest Military Organization in the U. S.", in dark Architectural Roman, the word "Postage", and the denomination "3c" in white face Gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at Washington, D. C., with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers".

The National Guard is more than 300 years old—actually older than our Nation. The militia units from which the Guard stems go back to the early 17th century with an unbroken history longer than any other part of our military establishment.

The oldest Guard unit in the United States is the 182nd Infantry Regiment of Massachusetts, organized as the Middlesex County militia regiment in 1636. Authority for the establishment of the National Guard was written into the Constitution. When the Bill of Rights was added, it was protected against abolition.

The name "National Guard" was first used in 1824 when New York units took the title to honor Lafayette, commander of the famed "Garde Nationale" in France. By 1869 most states had adopted this title.

The National Guard has served with distinction in every war in which this country has been involved. In World War I, two-fifths of the divisions of the AEF were National Guard divisions. In World War II, 18 infantry divisions took the field, nine in Europe and nine in the Pacific theater. Guardsmen fought in every action of that war.

Since the fighting began in Korea, more than 170,000 Army and Air Guardsmen have been ordered to active duty, many of them fighting in the front lines in Korea. In addition, 22 of the Air National Guard's 27 Air Wings, with supporting units,

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have served on active duty during the Korean emergency, a total of about 80% of the Air Guard.

The National Guard has always served well whenever local disaster has struck. Guardsmen have evacuated refugee and patrolled areas stricken by hurricane, flood, forest fire, and blizzard. Many a victim of disaster owes his safety to the prompt response of the National Guard.

Many American Presidents have been citizen-soldiers in the National Guard and its forerunner militia, including George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln.

Captain Harry S. Truman, an artillery battery commander in World War I with a National Guard unit, maintained his active interest and membership in the Guard after becoming President.

### 15th SEPAD At Philatelic Museum

The 15th annual exhibition of the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, SEPAD, will be held at the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, January 16 to 18. Besides the many outstanding collections on display there will be a sizeable bourse made up of some of the prominent dealers of the area.

Seals have been prepared to mark this event at 10c each plus a stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the purchase. Also available are cacheted covers which will be serviced with a special postmark at 10c each for regular postage and 15c for air-mail covers.

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### China Stamp Society Chooses New Officers

At the recent annual meeting of the China Stamp Society, Inc. new officers were chosen. The title of honorary president was bestowed on Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland of Pasadena, Calif.

W. R. Rankin was chosen president. Vice presidents are Lyman P. Collins and Norman Ma; secretary A. Appleton Lane, 410 Summit Ave., S. Orange, N. J. and treasurer Cecil V. Gary.

Editor of the club's official publication is H. D. Haverbeck.

Members of the group are interested in the stamps, covers and postal history of China.



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With a view toward providing such facilities, each of the six Australian states will have a philatelic section in the General Post Office. The section at Melbourne will handle all requests from out of the country as well as those originating in the state of Victoria.

Mr. Anthony had also been greatly impressed with the increasing interest being shown by overseas collectors in Australian stamps, which represented a valuable publicity medium and source of revenue.

By stimulating this interest, and selecting suitable designs, the activities of the Commonwealth would also be advertised to a greater degree. He was anxious that Australian stamps should compare favorably in design and appearance with those published in any other country.

An important step would be taken in 1953 by the production of a stamp printed in two colors. It would be issued in August to commemorate the 25th year of the organization, on a state basis, of Young Farmers' Clubs. The Department would plan for other bi-colored stamps to be issued from time to time.

Mr. Anthony also said that the Department intended to issue bulletins for distribution to Philatelic Societies and Journals as well as to interested collectors, giving information about Australian stamps which was not generally known, and also supplying a comprehensive background regarding new issues.

The plans also provided for a First Day Cover service, particularly for overseas collectors. Such covers would bear new stamps postmarked on the days of issue.

In conclusion, Mr. Anthony said that the proposals were designed to facilitate the purchase by collectors and dealers of stamps suitable for philatelic use, and that they would be improved and extended progressively to meet the requirements.

However, new postage stamps would not be issued indiscriminately as was the practice in some countries, purely for sale to collectors. Australia's reputation in the international stamp world was too high to be jeopardized by such practices.

A number of new postage stamps are to be issued in 1953, including three stamps to commemorate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

In stating this, the Postmaster General said that the program has been prepared after careful consideration by the Stamp Advisory Committee. It covers the maximum number of special issues which can be made, having regard to the heavy demands on the Note Printing Branch of the Commonwealth Bank for day-to-day requirements of stamps and postal stationery.

Mr. Anthony stated that the programme for 1953 is as follows:

—Produce Food—three designs of 3d and three designs of 3½d. These will be issued early in February. They will feature the production of food, and the designs will cover butter, beef and wheat. They will be printed by the letterpress process, and, in the case of each denomination, three stamps will be included in the

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announced that Papua-New Guinea had released or was about to release two new values to the recently issued series—a 5 pence and 6 pence. An official source states that the rumor is unfounded and that no new values are being planned.

**TRISTAN DA CUNHA.** The list of new Queen Elizabeth Coronation stamps shows Tristan da Cunha will issue a three pence olive green stamp. The same value for St. Helena is listed as lilac. It is therefore to be presumed that the Tristan stamp will not be an overprint but probably will be the first of the definitive stamps.

**GIBRALTAR.** The two pence gray of 1938 (#110) if perforated 13½ and watermarked sideways is a scarce coil variety. A mint pair was sold at a recent H. R. Harmer auction sale in London, for 46 Pounds. Worth checking your copy??

**GREAT BRITAIN.** All of the U.P.U. sets of the British Empire are in demand at advancing prices, but the set of Great Britain is exceptionally scarce and much higher prices can be expected.

## Detroiter Announce New Officers, Show

Guiding the affairs of the North West Stamp Society of Detroit, Mich. in 1953 is an entire new slate of officers chosen at the recent annual meeting of the group.

G. Frederick Muller was named president; Kenneth L. Brown vice president; Carl Tordrup treasurer; and Tony Formell, 4626 31st St., Detroit 10, Mich. secretary.

Meetings are twice each month on the second Thursdays and fourth Tuesdays at the home of Wilmont Osborn, 12872 Strathmore at 7:30 p.m.

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## Our Silver Anniversary Year

As each new year approaches it is our usual custom to look back a little and see what we have done and then look forward and plan ahead for the coming year.

We have never been one to brood over past events. We do not believe in living in the past but in the future. Mistakes that have been made merely teach one what to watch out for in the future. Nothing you can do today can change or eliminate anything in the past. The past is gone and the best one can get from it is guidance for the future, so do not spend too much time in thinking of the past, but think of the future.

Experience is a wonderful teacher. Experience is the knowledge we gain from the past. We must learn to sort the good from the bad and then use the good in the years ahead.

In looking ahead into 1953 we discover that this is to be our Silver Anniversary Year. In the fall we will be 25 years old. That is indeed a ripe old age as philatelic publications in these United States go. Today there are just four papers Meekel's, Gossip, Western and Linn's which boast that age or even more years and ours is the youngest of the four.

GEORGE W. LINN Yes, the youngest, also the strongest, lustiest, healthiest, the one with the biggest weekly circulation, which is the goal that all publications shoot for.

In earlier days of your editor's personal activity in the philatelic publishing field which started in the year 1900, there was but one weekly stamp paper in the United States. The other publications, such as they were, were all monthly papers published by dealers, or societies or individuals, none of which were a profitable business venture. The philatelic publishing field of the earlier years of this present century was cultivated by men who loved the work and who did their bit without hope of sufficient recompense to cover their investment.

Your editor knows for he published various stamp magazines in those years and remembers the great contrast between those days when the publishers were in friendly rivalry and often mentioned the work and publication of a competitive publisher, whereas today the absolute lack of cooperation and working together among the leading publishers would lead one to believe they live in mortal fear of each other.

One of the popular columns in many of the earlier philatelic publications was a "PRESS REVIEW" column. In this column the publisher would refer to and often quote from the better articles or features in the contemporary publications. Today it is a rare thing when any publication even mentions the name of another publication.

In the old days, publishing a stamp paper was more or less fun. Today it is just a hard cold business proposition. The natural turn of events have brought this about.

Changes in the field of stamp dealing have been as great as in the field of publishing. Few of the old time dealers are left, but none of them ever dreamed of the stamp business as it is conducted today.

So much for the past, so much for experience. Now what about the future? We are starting this year of 1953 which will become our 25th anniversary year in the fall, with a paid circulation of just a little under 35,000 copies. Our aim for many years past has been 50,000. That is a goal that no philatelic publication has ever reached, but we believe it is possible and are shooting at that figure.

It would be a splendid anniversary year if we could do it this year. It could be done if each reader whose subscription will expire during this year, would renew for two years for \$2.00 and then give us the name of a new collector who does not take our paper, to whom we will send the paper one year free. That is our plan for building circulation. Two years for you and one year for any new reader all for the cost of two years subscription for yourself.

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Come February 7, your editor will be 69 years old. There is nothing that would make him any happier on this occasion than to have you whose subscriptions will expire in the next thirty days to make the two year renewal with the one year free to a new subscriber. Let us have a flood of such renewals and then watch our circulation grow.

## New Year Resolutions

As I write this, it is the last day of 1952. Tonight we will have friends in for the evening, we will have the usual, we will watch the New Year, 1953 come to America, starting with New York and its big Times Square celebration and then follow it all across the country until we see the New Year come to San Francisco and the west coast. We have done this for the past three years on Television, it is a splendid way to welcome the New Year and eliminates the dangers that come from too much celebration.

As we grow older we become wiser or at least we should as we have experience behind us and only experience can teach in a proper manner.

Resolutions are all right for those who need some desperate change in life, but the best resolution anyone can make is the same one that we make as each new year comes to hand.

We are going to try to be a bit better man and lead a bit better life than in the past, we are going to try to make Linn's Weekly Stamp News a bit better paper than in the past and in that way make a few more friends for the future. If we all resolve to do better in the future than in the past and make a sincere effort, the world will become a better place for all of us to live in and everyone will be happier. What more could anyone do than to help make everyone else happier?

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## Elect Officers Of Stationery Society

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The United Postal Stationery Society consists of members who collect postal stationery of the world. Some collect entire or cut squares and postal cards of the United States and/or possessions only, while others collect this type of material from the entire world or certain countries or groups.

For the benefit of the uninitiated the term "postal stationery" denotes all types of postal issues bearing imprinted stamps—stamped envelopes, postal cards, letter cards, letter sheets, air letter sheets, wrappers, postal money orders, parcel post cards, telegraph blanks, pneumatic post envelopes and cards and many other unusual types of postal paper with imprinted stamps.

The society maintains an excellent sales department wherein postal stationery of all types is bought and sold by members.

A large library of catalogs, books and other publications pertaining to postal stationery is available for use of members. New items are constantly being donated to or purchased for the library. Many rare publications are included.

The official organ of the society is the magazine, "Postal Stationery," issued every two months, edited and published by Dr. W. L. Mitchell of Berkeley, Calif. and E. A. Farnsworth of Claremont, N. H.

The annual membership dues of the Society are \$2.00 (this includes subscription to the magazine) and further information and application blanks can be secured from secretary E. A. Farnsworth.

## Albert Wright Joins L. H. McQueston Firm

L. H. McQueston who operates a stamp store at 13544 Woodward Ave., Highland Park 3, Mich. announces that on January 2 the firm was joined by a long-time collector, Albert Wright, who will take over the supervision of the Bonanza and Blue Book Approval divisions as well as the Exchange Department.

The latter should be of some interest to collectors who have worthwhile duplicates in their holdings and who would like to convert them to stamps they need. They can do this via an exchange arrangement which has several new angles to it.

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## Death Summons Roanoke Collector

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By Walter Leyendecker

According to reports in the German press a stamp has been discovered, that justly can lay claim to be the first postage stamp issued. While the famous British penny black was issued on May 6, 1840 this stamp was used on February 20, 1839.

The envelope with this stamp had been found in an old locked book back in 1938, but at that time the owner did not realize the value and philatelic importance of it. Only later through articles on stampic matters in the press did she have the cover submitted to experts.

The stamp is 25 x 20 mm, and has a very wide cut margin. In the center it contains a large figure 1 with a round dot on it. On both sides the marks Kr. and underneath the letters "O.P." (Oesterreichische Post). The background is a dark rusty brown, while the figure 1, kr. mark and letters "O.P." are brown-black. It is cancelled by three pen-strokes in each direction.

The cover is addressed to "Die Jungfrau Konstanzia Eggerer in Klagenfurt" and states "abzugeben bey Herrn v. Kendler im Oberbergamt". Furthermore it bears the hand-stamps "Spital 20.FEB." in two lines, "FRANCO" and a round "P".

Research by the president of the Kaertner Philatelic Society, Ingo Waste of Klagenfurt, reveals that the stamp was printed on order of postmaster Franz Heiss in Spittal, who also authorized its use. In those days it was customary for the recipient to pay the postage and this was a departure from this custom, apparently on a trial basis, as Austria did not generally use postage stamps until June 1, 1850. It therefore represents a practice like that of our American postmaster issues.

Post-offices were formerly chartered to the highest bidder and there was considerable corruption among various postmasters. Therefore and in order to simplify the pickup and dispatch of mail it had long been urged to change the system somehow.

An Austrian, Lorenz Koschier of Laak, suggested the use of stamps to the Austrian Postal Authorities in 1836, but this was turned down by them. Finally Roland Hill of England promoted the idea of a prepaid cover, but after much debate the idea was amended to the use of stamps which could be pasted on envelopes. This represents the basis for our hobby, present-day philately.

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More recently Pony Express had been carried with a \$10.00 Bid and \$12.00 Ask and it is significant that after nearly one full year of a rising market in which several issues have increased considerably over their old level, Pony remains unaffected by all the commotion.

It is interesting to note than Pony held firm at the \$10.00 level on the way down, and you can take it from here if you are inclined to speculate as to its chances of advancement during 1953. We leave that to you.

Warren W. Scholl

## Borek Catalog Prices At Market

Another of the better specialized catalogs published in Germany, the Borek Deutschland Katolog, has been released in its 1953 edition. It deals strictly with Germany, the former German States and Colonies, and the Countries for which Germany has issued occupation stamps.

While in the German language, it has the advantage provided by a few of the other foreign reference books, of being usable by one unacquainted with the language. Of course knowing German will make the catalog so much more valuable to the collector.

Catalog prices of the listed stamps are stated to be strictly retail, their selling price from the Borek firm in Braunschweig. While in marks, conversion to a United States currency equivalent is effected by dividing by four.

There are 152 well-illustrated pages bound between heavy paper covers in this Borek. It is sold in the United States for one dollar, postage and duty paid, by Charles Tuck, 216 W. 108th St., New York 25, N.Y. Mr. Tuck states that the famed Borek line of albums

is worth twice face and anyone who took a fast profit now and thought he was doing well was destined to a real shock later as the issues continued to rise. January 1945 quotations reflected a \$3.55 Bid and by March it was a \$4.10 Bid position, with still none available for delivery.

Each month saw tremendous strides as in April 1945 the \$5.00 figure was reached and reflected as a Bid. Not till May did another Ask quotation appear, and at this point the Bid was \$5.75 and Ask \$6.50.

September 1945 Bid was \$6.75, immediately followed by \$7.25 in October with more available at the \$9.00 Ask. Even though the stamp was worth four times face value in less than four years, it had yet to reach its peak.

November 1945 Bid hit \$8.00, with some \$9.00 Ask in effect. However buyers exhausted all available at \$9.00, and this same quotation became the new Bid in December. It didn't take very long to hit the \$10.00 level, and this Bid was carried in February 1946.

From here on the motion was really fast. Between February and May 1946 the Bid rose from the not inconsiderable \$10.00 price to \$14.00, and only two months later \$16.00 was the prevailing market Bid. The top of the Pony Express cycle was only a few months off, and in September 1946 the absolute high Bid of \$19.00 was hit.

Sellers were not long in developing and the ask price of \$25.00 was carried but briefly.

As selling pressure developed throughout the entire sheet market, Pony was among the first to fall, and Bid dropped to \$18.00, and it was not long before all firm Bids were wiped out and the panic was on once it became apparent that a falling market was in progress.

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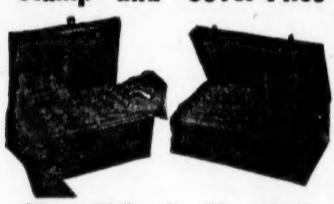
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So this is the story "as I heard it." W. T. Robey was a stock-broker's clerk and a minor stamp collector living in Washington in 1918. He had read about the new 24¢ airmail stamp and imagined it must be a pretty one, all dolled up in red and white and blue.

So one noon during his lunch hour he ambled over to the city post office, determined to buy an entire sheet of the new stamp if they looked as nice as they sounded—even if it should take an entire week's salary.

After paying for his purchase, Robey noticed that the blue aeroplane was flying upside-down within the red framework; he showed it to the clerk at the window and inquired if he had any more sheets like it. Instead of answering, the clerk got excited and tried to persuade Robey to return the sheet, and finding that he could not do so, he quickly closed his window and reported to his superiors.

Postal inspectors next tried to induce Robey to return or exchange the inverted-center sheet of stamps, but he refused; they knew, of course, that there were no legal means to compel any man to relinquish what he had purchased in good faith over the counter of any post office in the country, without foreknowledge of any abnormal condition of the goods. So Robey kept the stamps.

Several Eastern syndicates were quickly formed to bid on this find of lifetime, and the one headed by the late Eugene Klein of Philadelphia finally purchased the error-sheet for \$15,000—or so I heard. The syndicate sold the sheet to Col. E. H. Green, only son of the fabulous "Hetty" Green, richest woman in the world.

They also persuaded Col. Green to break up the sheet, so that a number of collectors might have opportunity to own a copy. At first single copies were offered at \$250, but shortly the price was advanced to \$500 and by the middle 1930's such single copies were bringing \$3000 at auction. Anybody know what this stamp would cost today? No, me neither.

Col. Green kept the margin block of eight, showing the arrow and both plate numbers, and when his extensive philatelic properties were liquidated after his death in 1935, this piece brought \$27,000, the highest price ever paid for a single U. S. philatelic item.

W. T. Robey, later became auditor for the Chemical Warfare Service in Washington; also a charter member of the Pentagon Philatelic Society in that city. He died February 5, 1949, at age 52. Lucky man—or was he? Perhaps he would have preferred, instead of his famous sheet of stamps, to have found the key to old age; I'm sure most of us would. Rest in peace.

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On the other hand, in England and Wales, more than 300 people die of tuberculosis each week and the overall mortality rate is still about 30 per 100,000 population. Nearly 8,000 patients of all ages

are waiting for beds and included are about 400 tuberculous children many of whom will have to wait from six to nine months.

Among the Danish sanatoria which have vacant beds is the fine children's sanatorium at Vordingborg, built in 1939 and beautifully situated on the coast sixty miles south of Copenhagen. Through the good will of the Danes, fifty beds in this modern center of healing are being occupied this year by tuberculous children from all parts of Britain.



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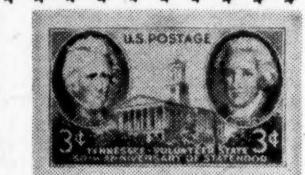
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Right—

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## IOWA NOTES

Grandview is a new Iowa town. Type is U-121n. Those of you who have IOWA town lists can also add Alvord, U-122n type, and several types to be added for the Type collector. Alta, U-122n, Farnhamville U-121, and Iowa Falls a variation of U-54.

Also reported but not seen are Altoona P-82 and Manilla a rubber handstamp.

Luzerne in a U-120 has long been reported, this is the old wide metal handstamp but no stamp has landed at any editor's desk for checking. I understand several towns and cities used precanals at Xmas, so there should be some very interesting varieties to report, when all the packages are in.

## SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers will want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

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Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

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MYTHS CONCERNING  
(Continued from page 1)

employees. Much of the time he was the only one of the three available to make important decisions.

Incidentally, had Russell and Majors listened more to him the story might have been quite different.

It has been stated that Waddell was the "town banker" at Lexington. This is also incorrect. From the time he went to that town in 1835 or 1836 he operated a general store, engaged in wholesale trade, and dealt in farm products, grain, and hemp.

In 1851 he became a member of the firm of Morehead, Waddell & Co., which about a year later became Waddell & Russell when he and William H. bought out Morehead's interest.

He did, however, become a banker to some degree when he succeeded Russell as president of the Kansas Valley Bank of Atchison, Kansas. It is doubtful, however, that either of them ever devoted much time to that institution, absorbed as they were in the vast business of Russell, Majors & Waddell.

Another generally accepted, erroneous statement, made first by Alexander Majors himself in his "Seventy-five Years on the Frontier," is that the Pony Express bankrupted the firm of Russell Majors & Waddell. The truth is, the firm was bankrupt in 1858. Losses in Utah were the cause. Evidence of it lies in the fact that they had to draw upon their anticipated earnings for that year in order to buy oxen, wagons, and equipment. They never recovered from the blow inflicted by the Utah disaster.

Losses incurred in organizing and operating the Pony Express, which Majors said amounted to \$100,000, but were probably much more, helped to create the debacle, but were not the principal cause. The final catastrophe which wrecked the firm beyond hope of recovery was Russell's involvement in the biggest bond scandal of the day in Washington. Through Godard Bailey, a clerk in the Interior Department and custodian of the Indian Trust Fund, he secured and used as collateral \$870,000 worth of bonds representing unpaid annuities to various Indian tribes.

When Bailey confessed the sorry affair in a letter to the Secretary of the Interior the latter part of December 1860, he was arrested, charged with larceny, abstracting bonds, and conspiracy to cheat the United States Government, and released on bond. His case was called in the District of Columbia Criminal Court in September 1862. He did not appear and his bond was forfeited. It was again called up in June 1869. The United States Attorney entered a nolle prosequi, which closed it.

Russell was arrested in his New York office on December 24, 1860, taken to Washington, put in jail, and his bond fixed at \$500,000. Friends from the West quickly underwrote it, but were rejected by the court because they were non-residents. Citizens of the District of Columbia put up \$300,-

000 of the required sum. Since the full amount could not be secured he had to remain in jail until the bond was reduced.

In January, 1861, he voluntarily appeared before a Select Committee of the House of Representatives, appointed to inquire into both the bond affair and acceptances written in the name of Russell, Majors & Waddell and countersigned by Secretary of War, John B. Floyd. On January 29, Russell, Bailey, and Floyd were indicted by a District of Columbia grand jury.

When Russell's case came up his attorney plead that inasmuch as he had already been examined by the Select Committee he should be allowed to go free. The court agreed, and quashed the indictment. Neither Bailey nor Russell were ever punished for abstracting the bonds and not one penny was ever repaid to the government.

This affair and the statements of friends gave rise to another myth, of which H. H. Bancroft took notice in his *Chronicles of the Builders*. "Russell," he said, "... fell into a difficulty, if indeed it were not a trap set for him by the friends of the Southern Route ..." He was induced to take \$830,000 in bonds of the Interior Department, as a loan. . .

He was not induced to take the bonds, and nobody set a trap for him. Russell himself makes no such charge, either in his testimony before the Select Committee or in his statement to the public in March, 1861. His only defense was that the government owed Russell, Majors & Waddell \$1,349,548, which was no defense at all.

Russell received the abstracted bonds on three occasions. In his statement he said that when he received the first \$150,000 worth he had no knowledge as to their actual ownership and supposed Bailey had the legal right to let him have them. There is no reason whatever for doubting this statement.

He also says that later Bailey confessed that the bonds belonged to the Indian Trust Fund. In spite of this he got \$720,000 more, knowing full well what he was doing and what the world would call the whole affair. One regrets to face this chapter in Russell's life story, but he wrote it himself and it cannot be avoided.

This article is written, not to display the knowledge of the writer or to gratify a contentious spirit, but in the interest of historical accuracy. Should it serve to clarify and establish the actual facts concerning these men the time devoted to writing it will have been well spent.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Raymond W. Settle of Monte Vista, Colo., has spent a number of years in research on western lore, much of it concerning the express and mail carrying companies of the 1800's. He has uncovered a number of previously unknown sources of original information, some of which he has drawn upon in the story above.

Much of what he has discovered to date has been included in his book, "Empire On Wheels". Other material of an original nature is in his private collection and library.

Mr. Settle was made a grant-in-aid to assist in the work of research and writing by the Huntington Library of San Marino, Calif.

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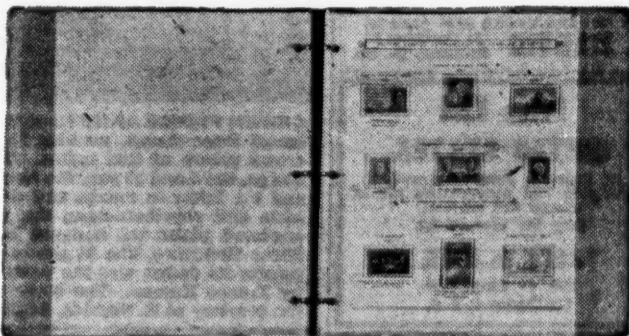
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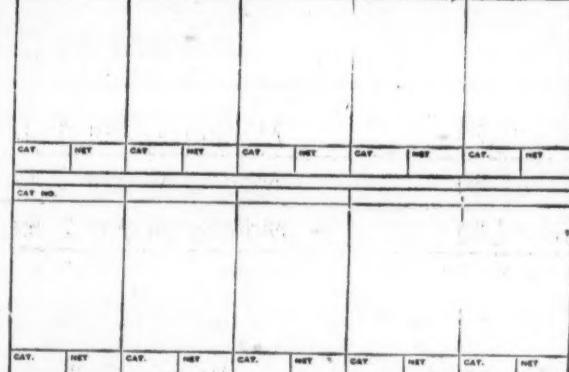
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Just recently Charles J. Keenan, secretary and one of the founders of the Casey Jones Railroad Unit of the American Topical Association, sent me an inaugural run cover franked with the Korea Flag stamp and bearing the widely recognized trade mark of the Northern Pacific Railroad as a cachet.

The cover marked the first run of the new North Coast Limited from Portland, Oregon to Chicago, Ill., a deluxe addition to Northern Pacific services.

The stamp and cachet tie in very well with each other for both have as the central part of their designs, a Monad, that whirling like symbol which seems to have so much meaning for the orientals.

Accompanying the cover was an eight page booklet with colored illustrations telling, "The Story of the Monad". It is an interesting informative piece of literature, something which United States and general collectors might want as an item for their philatelic libraries.

The Monad besides being found in the Korea Flag stamp is also to be seen on stamps of other nations.

The booklet was prepared by the Northern Pacific Railroad and is distributed by them free to requests. Write to the General Offices, Northern Pacific Railroad, Portland, Oregon.

1. Several times citizens of foreign nations, and symbols associated with foreign countries have appeared on U. S. stamps. Can you name one commem of the past 15 years which has an inscription in a foreign language? (Latin not included).

2. In the past fifteen years there have been four commems on which are shown definitely identifiable scenes or parts of foreign countries, excluding maps and globes. Can you name them?

James Waldo Fawcett, stamp

editor of the Washington, D. C. Sunday Star, is under the impression there is a possibility of a stamp on February 12, Lincoln's birthday. He believes that the die from which the 3c Lincoln design of the 1922-27 issues were produced, will be used. Scott lists it as type A158.

Seems as if politics are involved—the idea being to place a Republican hero on the widely used 3c denomination in place of a Democratic one, Thomas Jefferson in this instance.

That kind of thing looks mighty small potatoes to me for when one thinks of Jefferson, Lincoln or other patriotic stalwarts, he isn't thinking of them as political symbols, but men who put forth heroic efforts as Americans.

It will probably make a few hundred narrow-minded politicians, if they have a mind at all, overwhelmed with glee at "putting that one across", but no one else will care. And this same sentiment holds should the political tables be reversed.

And while on that Lincoln stamp, perhaps some of you do not know that it was re-issued in 1934 for a short life. Near mid-1932 it had been superceded by the 3c Washington type A226 and was more or less out of use and existence at that date.

It is not possible to distinguish it from the original rotary press, perf 11 x 10½ issue, except when the plate number is attached. These numbers are 21185-6.

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Via word from Carey D. Mitchell of St. Louis, Mo. the folks out that way are taking the sesquicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase as a big event and are preparing accordingly. A number of large scale civic projects are in the making.

The Washington University School of Fine Arts of St. Louis is preparing several stamp designs

for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing all highlighting some part of the historical acquisition.

Last call for votes in the Fifth Annual Design Derby. Polls close on January 15 — results will be published as soon thereafter as possible. Use the ballot below.

**5TH ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY**

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Send them to Carl P. Rueth, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio.

Reuben V. Eck of Chicago states that the other day when he went to purchase a booklet of 2c stamps at the post office he was sold one with stamps of the 1922-7 issue, Scott type A157 picturing Washington.

He wondered whether this was

a reprinting or whether it was an attempt to clear stocks of this item. Without question it was the latter for this design was replaced by the Presidential series in 1938.

Depending on your luck and where you hunt, it is possible to run across obsolete material. My own luck has been rather good considering the almost total lack of hunting ever done.

Sometimes a local postmaster decides to see just what he does have in his safe or vault in the way of stamps, running across stuff he had forgotten about long ago.

Other times, a central accounting office, or perhaps the Washington headquarters of the Post Office Department itself, finds issues some years obsolete, or they are returned to Washington by postmasters to get credit for stocks of stamps of other denominations.

Rather than destroy such stamps, the Department sends them out to one or more post offices for sale, being a bonanza to those collectors who run across the lot.

A reader is quite worried because of a rumor that the plate numbers might be eliminated from panes of postage stamps. This has been considered by the Bureau and the POD at various times but that is about as far as it has gotten, and in my opinion, as far as it will ever get unless something of an important nature comes to pass.

An indication of how collectors feel regarding such items can be gotten from Australia which announced such a tentative move some months ago. The reports from "down under" indicate that the "house fell in" on the postal officials for even thinking such a thing, and they were compelled to reverse themselves on the matter.

I believe all postal administrations cast a practical business eye in the direction of stamp collectors and figure their production accordingly. I feel sure that collector purchases defray the costs of designing, engraving (or other method) and printing and provide a neat profit to boot.

Why should any POD cut down on sales by a stunt such as eliminating the plate number? Taking

it away does not improve the product or its sale, it does not make it easier to produce. Such elimination would lower the demand for the product and what sensible business man wants to do that?

Virgil Geary of Dayton, Ohio, secretary of the National Highway Post Office Society, informs me that there is to be a railroad operated HPO on or about January 15. It is to run between Dodge City, Kans. and Lamar, Colo.

He advises that for the railroad operated HPO's you do not apply to the respective postmasters for cover service. You apply to the PTS clerk in charge, on duty. As for instance on the above inaugural you would address the wrapper containing your covers to be serviced:

"PTS Clerk In Charge, On Duty Dodge City, Kans. — Lamar, Colo. RPO Bus Dodge City, Kans."  
or from the other end:  
"PTS Clerk In Charge, On Duty Lamar, Colo. — Dodge City, Kans. RPO Bus Lamar, Colo."

Ask the clerk to hold your covers for the first run and then to postmark them and apply the cachet, if there is a cachet.

1. The China commem of July 7, 1942 has Chinese.

2. The Philippine commem of 1944 showing the republic's Island of Corregidor; The U. S. Marine commem of 1945 showing the raising of the U. S. Flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima; The Army commem of 1945 showing U. S. Troops marching on a Paris boulevard with the Arch de Triomphe in the background; the U. S. — Canada Friendship commem of 1948 with one end of the bridge in Canada and the other in the United States.

When the United States celebrated the 150th anniversary of its constitution in 1938, Spain issued a colorful commemorative stamp for the event picturing the Statue of Liberty, and flags of the United States and Spain. This same stamp design was reproduced in the form of a souvenir sheet containing one copy of the issue.

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